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Sir:

Applicant submits herewith a copy of a European Search Report (in German) dated November 29, 2005 and conducted in European Application No. 05 07 7025, which is a counterpart of the instant application. In particular the European Examiner cited:

- (1) EP 1 273 537 is cited as an "A" category document (i.e., a document of technological background). The Examiner indicated that the whole document is relevant to claim 1 of the European application;
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- (3) US 2003/0019718 is listed in the annex as a family member document of EP 1 273 537; and

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A copy of the above-listed document (4) is not enclosed herein because this

document has been cited in an IDS filed on February 4, 2004. A copy of document (3) is

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documents (1) and (2) are enclosed. Moreover, a completed copy of the PTO-1449 Form

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documents as well as the European Search Report.

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